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**Thanks**

- .. To those parents who helped out at the first of our three sandpit working bees. We really do appreciate you donating your precious "down time" to this project.
- .. To those parents who helped with transport and supervision to the Whangarei Cross Country Championships today.
- .. To Jenny Crawford for co-ordinating our cross country team this week
- .. To those helping with costumes, props etc as we near our performance nights .. more to follow.
- .. To those parents transporting and supporting our AIMS Games participants.
- .. To our Trivia Night organisers and to Mr D for his considerable input.
- .. To those who supported our daffodil day fund-raising (bandanna day coming 20.9 - \$4 each - more to follow)

**Good Luck**

- .. To those students heading off to the AIMS games next week. We look forward to hearing of your experiences on your return. Good luck Liam, Calum, Belinda, Laura, Luke, Jamahl and Max.

**People of the week**

- .. Our debating teams .. Year 8 win over Parua Bay School this week and Year 7, not quite a win but a valiant and close performance. Well done!
- .. Former student Lauren Whiting (Pammy's daughter) who achieved within the top 10% (level 3 with distinction) of her travel, tourism and business course recently.
- .. Hayden who has done a fantastic job organising lunchtime tennis games.
- .. Jazz for writing an amazing story called "The land of Gold" .. and what a long and wonderful story it is.
- .. Toby for playing a good season of soccer, and helping his team Kamo Broncos get 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 10<sup>th</sup> grade A division competition.
- .. Olivia for folding and putting away washing without even being asked.
- .. Tahi-Ora and Grace for outstanding results in their recent dance competitions.
- .. Kanye and Jayden for being chosen to play in the curtainraiser for the Northland vs Manawatu Game on Wednesday.
- .. Pammy for her contribution of cutlery to the staffroom.

**Coming up this term**

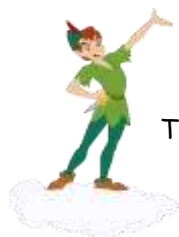
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| 1 September    | Trivia Night                            |
| 5 September    | Senior girls HPV dose 3 (9:00am)        |
| 7 September    | Interschool Cross Country at Barge Park |
| 9-14 September | AIMS Games                              |
| 21 September   | Northland Cross Country                 |
| 24 September   | School Production week                  |
| 26 September   | Shake Out Day .. more to follow         |
| 28 September   | Final day of term 3                     |

### Enthusiasm Virtues - Our shining examples

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected by their classes as shining examples of the Enthusiasm Virtue. Thank you for being such great role models. We hope your parents are very proud of you.

Rm 2	Luke	Rm 2	Ella
Rm 3	Susie	Rm 3	Esther
Rm 4	Jade	Rm 4	Nathaniel
Rm 4	Brenna	Rm 6	Jacob
Rm 6	Hannah	Rm 6	Rylee
Rm 7	Connan	Rm 7	Mya
Rm 8	Elijah	Rm 8	Julia
Rm 8	Liam	Rm 9	Tayla
Rm 9	Molly	Rm 10	Magan
Rm 10	Johnathan	Rm 11	Max
Rm 11	Ariah	Rm 12	Nathan
Rm 12	Cameron		

### Matarau 2012 Production



#### **NEVER 2 LAND PRODUCTION**

*Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Matarau School Hall*

The Upper Middle and Senior School have been working hard in preparation for this year's performance. It is now time to secure your tickets for this fantastic show. Please purchase your tickets from the school office. Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Ticket prices - Regular (5yrs & Up) - \$7      Child (Under 5) - Gold Coin      Child on lap (under 2) - Free.  
Showings - 7pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm; Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm.

### A message from the Kapahaka team

A huge thank you to the following people from the Kapahaka students & Sue Abbott - Tina Bradshaw and Emily Henderson for their guitar skills. Leroy Lawrence for tutoring the boys. Lisa Clement, Lisa Jones and Debbie Walker for making poi. Brenda Sinclair and her mother for developing a costume for the students. Kapahaka is a team effort not just from the students but the parents as well. We are grateful for your support.

### Sandpit

Thank you again to those parents who turned up last Sunday to work on our new junior sandpit. This coming Sunday we have decided to focus on the timber work (involving Mike, Patrick and Clayton) and **so have decided to give the other parents the weekend off. HOWEVER we really do need all hands on deck on Sunday 16 September which is the weekend for the spreading of metal and sand.** So .. please mark 16 September on your calendar. If all goes to plan the children can use the sandpit in the week following .. something they are very excited about.

### Home Garden Programme

Expression of interest forms in the above programme were handed out this week. If your child did not receive one of these forms, and you would like them to be involved, please contact our school office next week. Kevin is happy to answer any questions about this programme.



### Overdue Library Books

If you received notice this week of an overdue library book please do a thorough search at home and send the book along to school next week. Any questions to Mrs Cates please.

### Scholastic Book Orders - Issue 6

Please ensure all orders and money to the office by Friday September 14.

### Enrolments 2013 - of special interest to Out of Zone Families

A final reminder that the board will advertise in the Advocate on 8 September the following out of zone places for 2013 .. **15 places for years 0 to 6** and .. **8 places in year 7 and 8**

If you are an out of zone family wishing to enrol a student in 2013 it is crucial that you request an Out of Zone Application Form from our office next week. If you do not submit an O.O.Z. Application Form it is unlikely that we will be in a position to offer a place for your child next year. Applications must be received by us no later than 15 October. If there are more applications than places available the result of ballot will be advised by 23 October.

***Please note .. if there are students who will not be with us next year it would be helpful if the parents of these children could let us know next week so that we can make these places available for out of zone students.***

### Review of bus transport entitlement

Some families have not yet returned their bus entitlement form. If you did not receive a form (or have misplaced this) please phone the school office on Monday. If we do not have a return for each child this will be interpreted as non-entitlement to use the bus which could translate to smaller buses and a reduction in routes. It is in everyone's interests to ensure your form is returned asap please. If we can help just give us a call.

### Northland Cross Country - Barge Park - 21 Sept (pp 28.9)

The top 10 place getters (each age level) in the Whangarei Interschool Cross Country race will qualify for the Northland Cross Country Event to be held 21.9 - pp 28.9. We will ensure parents of qualifying children receive the necessary details as soon as we have these to hand.

### Matarau Hockey - Sponsored by McQuinn Ground Spread

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 25th August :



C Grade - Jacob



D Grade - Tahi-Ora



C Grade - Brooke

### Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following players of the Day :



Yr 6-8 - The Team

### After School Care.

If needing ASC please contact Carol Welsh at home: 4335035 or Cell: 021 0817 9805

### Calf Club - Thursday 18th October 2012

Reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born after 1st July 2012. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.



**If you would like your child to have a lamb to train & bring to calf club please contact the office for details on how to contact the farmer.**

**We have received some bottles of Agrisea - a seaweed concentrate for animal nutrition for calves and lambs - if you would like one for your animal please contact the office.**

You can also bring a 'pet' which can include - goats (kids), cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.

A booklet will be handed out to children bringing a pet (not for lambs or calves) two weeks prior to the September holidays and needs to be completed and returned to school on the first Monday of term - 15th October. The booklet will be judged by independent judges.

There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz) Calf and lamb rearing books are available from the office for those children unsure of what the judges look for on the day.



### SOME MORE AIRLINE HUMOUR Qantas Airlines: Repair Division

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "Gripe Sheet" which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the Gripe Sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident. WILL FEED YOU ONE A WEEK.

**P: Number 3 engine missing**

**S: Engine found on right wing after brief search**

### And Finally

I guess we all like to think that our influence extends beyond the period of contact we have with a person .. this is especially so for schools. We received this message a couple of weeks back from an international student who attended our school quite a number of years back. It reads ..

*"Good morning, this is Sarah Cho. I'm coping well in Korea, but I know I would sacrifice anything if only I could go back to N.Z. I miss Matarau, the teachers, friends .... Thanks for what I've learned at Matarau, I'm doing well not only at school, but also in social life. Although Matarau is a little school in a little city with a little number of students I believe the things I've learnt during the three years I spent at Matarau are bigger than any size one could imagine. Thank you for providing me such a valuable education.. Yours sincerely, Sarah Cho., South Korea.*

Just thought that was worth sharing .. we never quite know how our influence might ripple through time and space .. what a privilege to have had such an impact and to be so well remembered. Have a great weekend!

Regards,  
Kevin Trewhella  
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### Message from Whangarei Group Calf Club

.. We will be holding a Judging/Training Day at Maungatapere School on Saturday 15th September from 10am-12pm. Anyone interested in learning/refreshing their judging/stewarding skills are encouraged to attend. Our very experienced judges will be taking the session on both calf and lamb judging. There will be animals present to view and then judge. Our aim is to encourage people to come along and support our exhibitors of the future. Anyone:- Students - Years 7 upwards, parents, teachers, grandparents, community members are invited to attend. We would like to see at least 2 people from all participating schools attend to support and ensure the future of the Agricultural days in our schools.

Any queries please don't hesitate to phone me on : 4377944 or 02102386518. Thanks Natalie Roberts

### Community Notices

Pig food wanted, anything considered. Will pick up windfall fruit etc off ground. Phone Kelly 433 5588.

Parenting Toolbox sessions - Join a Toolbox parenting group and learn how to build a great family team. Discover new parenting ideas and discuss successful strategies in a six week group course. Toolbox groups are free of charge to whanau caregivers, foster carers, adopters, grandparents raising grandchildren and Home for Life parents thanks to government funding. If you would like more information about Toolbox parenting groups in Northland contact Debbie Short 09 433 5040

Storylines – free family day at Whangarei Central Library. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 2pm. Meet authors & illustrators, watch performances; enter competitions; win prizes; watch artists in action & create your own illustrations.

Meadow Fresh Promotion – Collect yellow Cool Stuff for Kids stickers found on specially stickered Meadow fresh milk and yoghurt packs. Green forms to place stickers on sent home with this newsletter today, place your stickers on the form & return to school. Stickers must be at school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

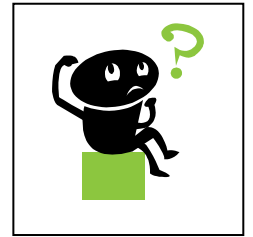
For Sale - Border Collie pups, both female & male black & white available - \$550 each. Ready to go now. Call Mandy on 435 0559 or 021 101 8361

Whakapara Pony Club – Unmounted Enrolment Rally, Wed 12 September, 5.00-6.30pm at our grounds Park Road, Hikurangi. For further info contact Diana Lammers Ph 4338284 or 0274338287. Come along and find out what Pony Club has to offer.



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